

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK  
TO PROVIDE PRE-PAID RETURN ENVELOPES FOR  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL  
ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL  
OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, there has been recent concerns about allegations of absentee ballot voter fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County recently has experienced examples of alleged absentee ballot fraud where alleged ballot brokers seek to influence absentee voters by, among other methods, offering to pay the cost of postage for the return of absentee ballots to the Supervisor of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, voter fraud threatens our nation's core principles of liberty and justice for all and deprives us of honest political leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, providing postage pre-paid return envelopes for absentee ballots will decrease the ability of ballot brokers to illegally influence voters in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, City councils in Miami Lakes and Hialeah, have recently passed similar measures requesting the county to provide pre-paid postage return envelopes for absentee ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 2012, Miami-Dade County Commission directed the Mayor to provide postage pre-paid return envelopes for domestic absentee voters in all elections in Miami-Dade County commencing with the November 6, 2012 general election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida also wishes to assure its residents that their vote will count, and not be lost or stolen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to provide pre-paid return envelopes for absentee voters for all municipal elections in the City of North Miami.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Mayor and City Council.

**Section 2. Mayor and City Council Support.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby direct the City Manager and City Clerk to provide postage pre-paid return envelopes for absentee voters in all municipal elections for the City of North Miami if not paid by Miami-Dade County or by another governmental entity.

**Section 3. Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott, and to all State Representatives, State Senators, the presiding Officers and Council members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and the Supervisors of Elections in Florida’s 67 counties.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2012

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ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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REGINE M. MONESTIME  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote:**

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)